



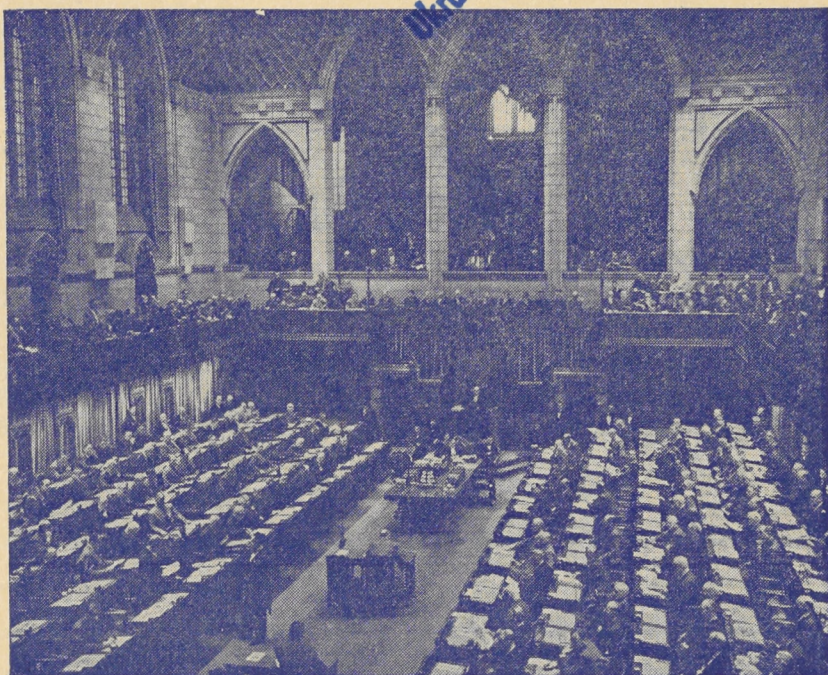
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You've probably heard the following statement many times, have you not? "Tell me what you read and I'll tell you what sort of a person you are." Have you ever stopped to think about it, though? The statement is true, is it not? If a person uses the best materials in building a house, that house will best withstand all the ravages of nature around it. The same parallel could be drawn between ourselves and reading. Whatever the mind receives in reading is bound to affect one's outlook and attitude in life. Since our outlook determines the kind of person we are and what sort of life we lead, is it not of utmost importance that we take every precaution to read what is best for our eternal welfare?

It is impossible for one person to read everything which has been printed, therefore let us choose only the best. Our life on earth is too short to waste in reading much of the trash which is found on our news-stands today. Everytime a person reads immoral literature his will is further weakened until such time as he eventually comes to regard what he reads as proper conduct for the average individual. When a person reaches the stage where he looks upon immorality, for instance, as being the latest fad or fashion, then he is indeed in a serious spiritual condition. If there was a natural gas leak in a house, a person would not expose himself to almost certain death by lighting a match. And yet people deliberately expose themselves to almost certain spiritual death by constantly reading material which should never have been allowed to get into print in the first place. Spiritual death is far more serious than physical death and yet many people take such things for granted.

Because of the importance of reading, the Catholic Church has set aside one month, February, of every year as Catholic Press Month. This is a time when Catholics are reminded of the wealth of good reading material which is available to them. It is a time when they are made aware of the numerous Catholic magazines and newspapers which exist. They are also reminded that every Catholic home should subscribe to at least one Catholic periodical. In addition, all Catholics are asked to contribute to the support of the Catholic Press in order to enable it to carry out its task of carrying the word of God to all people. The large majority of Catholic publications are not doing well financially and many are actually operating at a deficit. This situation results,

of course, from the lack of support by the Catholic public. The purpose of Catholic Press Month is to arouse people from their lethargy and make them aware of their obligations in this very important matter.

In its own small way, the YOUTH magazine has been endeavoring to contribute to the reading material available to all Ukrainian Catholic Youth in Canada. The interest shown in the YOUTH within the past year has been very encouraging but we are still a long way from being in a desirable financial situation. That is why we are appealing to all U.C.Y. members and locals in Canada to make an all-out effort to help us during this Catholic Press Drive. Won't you try to get more subscribers to our magazine and ask your local to contribute to our Press Fund. If you do, we will be able to continue bringing you the best reading we can. As the support increases, we eventually hope to bring you a much bigger and consequently better magazine. We hope that you will take to heart the message from our National President, Walter Romanko, which appears in this issue.

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Vocation Notes

by Fr. M. Daciuk, O.S.B.M.

THE BROTHER AND THE HIDDEN LIFE /

In the beginning God created heaven and earth and all things. With His hands He formed the earth and separated the waters from the land. He commanded, and the earth began to spin. He spoke, and the stars started to turn in their orbits in perfect harmony. God wished, and the birds, the animals and fishes filled the sky, land and sea. And then God picked up some mud and formed Adam and breathed into him a living spirit, a soul. And then God rested, — says the Holy Bible. All this only proves that our Creator performed tremendous amount of work in the creation of our universe.

Many years later, off the well-worn roads of commerce, lived a family. There a beautiful woman, the mother of the home, prepared supper for Her husband and child,

now busily engaged in the work of their trade, carpentry. The father was sawing boards for a table he was making and the son was sweeping the shavings off the floor. And the people who passed would no doubt say, as they often do, "They're such a very nice family. But they don't have all the comforts of life. Their son is so young and yet he has to work." But God would look down on that family and on that son and say: "That boy is My beloved Son; in Him I am well pleased."

Many years later a Brother was nailing a floor of a new building. Some people came to the Brother and asked him, "Why did you become a Brother? You have to work all your life." The Brother, surprised at the question, asked them: "Why, is work something bad?" And God would look down on that Bro-

ther and say: "That Brother is imitating My beloved Son; in him I am well pleased."

So very few people seem to realize that Our Lord for the vast majority of His life was a worker, a carpenter. And few, too, realize that God calls some young men to become Brothers and to imitate the hidden life of Our Lord.

Prayer and the religious life are the primary works of every religious; his daily occupation is secondary. The hours spent at work, be it the work of a priest or that of a Brother, are offered to God as part of his religious exercises for each day in that very same intention — to bring greater glory to God and to help in the salvation of human souls. That is why even the lowest task of a Brother is always considered as dignified and as meritorious as that of any religious priest.

You will all admit that during our last War we were proud of our fathers and brothers who worked long hard hours in the factories, making planes, ships, tanks, guns and ammunition for the men overseas. Or, it might have been on the farm that they labored from sunrise to sunset planting, cultivating and harvesting food that was so vital to the winning of ultimate victory. Unsung heroes working quietly, efficiently, unnoticed, but, oh, so important.

And in the Army of Christ the Brothers who are working behind the lines backing up the work of our priests with their prayers and good works are these very same unsung heroes who help so tremendously in winning the war against the evils of this life. These prayers,

sacrificed and work of our Brothers gain for themselves sanctity and for many others everlasting happiness in heaven.

God accepts their labors in the monastery gardens, workshops, offices, their work as teachers in our Catholic schools, their patient care of the sick in our hospitals.

Yes, our Commander-in-Chief accepts the prayers and sacrifices of the unsung heroes giving to them holiness, to pagans the gift of faith, to sinners the grace of conversion. These fullfledged religious must be men of spunk and grim determination to be unsung heroes all during life. Unlike our fathers and brothers, who may never be recognized for what they did behind the lines, the unsung heroes of the Catholic Church will have their day. Not on this earth, perhaps, but on judgment day the curtain will be lifted and all men will see what important work they have done, what holiness they have achieved.

The Army of Christ is calling for volunteers today and every day to work behind the lines. Can you fill a position? If you can, don't pass it up; it's the chance of a lifetime; it's a great vocation that does a tremendous amount of good to all concerned.

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THE THREE HAIL MARYS EVERY
DAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS?**

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is
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what have you done
for the YOUTH?

Message From National Executive

The month of February is generally set aside as Press Month. The purpose is simply to remind and encourage new readers and subscribers. It is only with such new and greater support can our fine magazine, the YOUTH, be able to continue functioning. The object of increasing the support of the YOUTH is to make this magazine pay for itself. It will require a little consideration and action on your part to get these new readers and subscribers.

For the YOUTH to pay for itself is not an impossibility. The task is not beyond our reach. In fact, I am firmly convinced that we will accomplish this aim.

It may surprise you, but the National office has to date sold 1,200 membership cards to the Diocesan executives in Canada. If all these members bought a subscription to the YOUTH, as our constitution requires you to do so then our YOUTH magazine would be self-supporting. This would supply \$1,200 to the YOUTH which is almost the minimum requirement to cover its yearly expences. So do your share and see that every member in your club has subscribed.

The contributions to the Press Fund have been few in number. When you read the annual U.C.Y. club reports and the financial standing of some clubs, it strikes you as being odd that they have not contributed to the Press Fund. I know of several clubs who have over one thousand dollars (\$1,000) as a bank balance, but have not contributed one cent to the Press Fund. What better way could a club help out the U.C.Y. organization? Think this over and see how much your club can help.

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Regional U.C.Y. Rally, Winnipeg

The Sixth Annual Regional Rally of Winnipeg was held on December 13, 1958, at The Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Hall.

Joseph Yanick, the past President of the Regional, welcomed the Delegates.

The Guest Speaker, Paul Parashin, LL.B., spoke on "Your Club Program and How It Affects Yourself, Your Home and Family, Your Church and Community."

The Spiritual Director of the

Regional, Father J. Dennischuk, gave a few words of advice on the operation of the Regional.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Diane Swiak, presented the following slate of officers which was accepted by the Delegates as the Executive of the Regional for the coming year:

President — Joseph Yanick,—re-elected; Vice-President—Helen Ruta — elected; Secretary — Margaret Borys — re-elected; Corresponding Secretary — Diane Cwiak — elected;

Treasurer — Joseph Kristalowich — elected; Fifth Member — Robert Bobby — elected; Sports Chairman — Donald Maychruck and Eugene Ukraine — elected; Spiritual— Florian Rohatyniuk, Alice Hunchak; Organizer — John Zborowsky, Cul-

tural — Marion Latocki, Publicity— Joyce Dmytriw, Social—Mary Hominuk, George Holowaty, Auditor— Sandra Wolosnick.

A lunch prepared by The Blessed Virgin Mary Youth Club was served and a Whist-drive followed.

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Points To Ponder

The greatest of killer of life in North America — is not cancer, nor polio, nor TB, nor the fantastic and towering rate of traffic and accident fatalities, tho these partners of death do make us shudder, but the greatest of these killers are the shockingly multiplying divorces between mankind and GOD. This divorce is greater than just natural death because it spells eternal death and doom of the soul that rejects God.

And yet, we frequently hear cries from masses of people, cries demanding SEPARATION of Church and State, which in reality means separation of God and Mankind, but such a separation can not be without the doom of man.

Just as we can not separate our daylight from the source of that light, the sun, without bringing our earthly life to an end, similarly, we can not separate the creature man, from the source of his life, from his creator — God, without involving man's eternal doom. God is to man, what the soul is to the body . . .

Ironically, people of USA, who preach Separation of Church and State, carry in their pockets coins, on which they may read the words 'IN GOD WE TRUST' and yet He is

rejected by them . . . Since there has been no room for God in the hearts of vast peoples of the USA, it is consequently suffering the greatest crime wave of its entire history. As only a Godless man becomes a criminal, the increase of such Godless people is alarming . . .

Permit me to quote recent statistics as regards only JUVENILE DELINQUENCY . . .

Within the next 12 months in the US more than one million boys and girls will commit crimes serious enough to be apprehended by the police. How many million more will not be caught by the police is anyone's guess.

Within the past seven years the juvenile crime rate has sky-rocketed seventy percent while the juvenile population has grown only 16 per cent.

The delinquent of to-day is training to become the criminal of tomorrow.

It is estimated by the law that every third home in the USA today harbors a delinquent.

The crimes of the youth of today are not mere peccadilloes, but are brazen and brutal crimes such as burglary, arson, vandalism, rape, strongarm, shoplifting, torture and murder.

In New York one out of 3 major crimes involves a juvenile; in Detroit three out of four car thieves are youngsters.

As for girls involved in tragedies of illegitimacy. Among girls of 15 years or younger there has been a nationwide increase of 30 per cent since 1949. In one city, New York, last November, 1,250 pregnant unwed girls, 15 or younger, were dismissed from schools during the first two months of the school year. In a sampling from 20 states, it was revealed that the largest single age group admitted to maternity homes for the unmarried is the 15

yr. group. Upon hearing these statistics, one may ask, What is happening to this world? Answer: simply by separating the youth from churches and GOD from the hearts of youth and this is what you achieve . . . In this way, I wish to stress what Edgar Hoover, Chief of the FBI, had to say, that the only way to stem this horrid growth of crime, is to bring God back to the hearts of mankind, to strive for religious bringing up of the children of North America, and to trust in God, because He only can save North America from its present suicidal calamity.

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Remember

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SAID:

1. FASHIONS: "Certain fashions will be introduced that will offend My Son very much!" (Our Lady said this in 1917!)

2. HELL: More souls go to hell because of sins of the flesh than for any other reason!" (Sins against the 6th Commandment.)

3. BAD MARRIAGES: "Many marriages are not good; they do not please Our Lord and are not of God."

4. PUNISHMENT OF THE WORLD: "The Blessed Mother can no longer restrain the Hand of Her Divine Son from striking the world with just punishment for its many crimes."

5. FIVE WARNINGS: "If my requests are not granted, Russia will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecution of the Church. The good

will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be destroyed!" (Remember, Our Lady told us this in 1917!)

6. AMEND: "I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not continue to offend Our Lord Who is already deeply offended."

7. ROSARY: "Say the Rosary every day, to obtain peace for the world. Add after each decade the following prayer: 'Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.'"

8. PRAY: "Pray, pray, a great deal, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because they have no one to make

sacrifices and pray for them."

9. IMMACULATE HEART DEVOTION: "God wishes to establish in the world the devotion to MY IMMACULATE HEART. If people do what I tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."

10. WORLD PEACE: "Tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask graces from her, and that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to her."

11. WAR: "War is punishment from God for sins!"

12. FINAL PEACE: "In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace!"

13. 1st SATURDAY DEVOTION: "I promise to help at the hour of death, with graces needed for salvation, whoever, on the first Satur-

day of 5 consecutive months, shall confess and receive Holy Communion, recite 5 decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes, while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to My Immaculate Heart."

14. SACRIFICE: Our Lord appeared to Lucy in 1943. He complained bitterly and sorrowfully that there are so few souls fulfilling Our Lady's requests saying: "The sacrifice required of every person is the fulfillment of His duties in life and the observance of My Laws! This is the penance I now seek and require!"

15. ST. JOSEPH: (The only Saint who appeared at Fatima besides Our Lady, St. Joseph held the Child Jesus in his arms and blessed the 70,000 people three times. It is he of whom it has been said: "The sound of victory will be heard when the faithful recognize the sanctity of St. Joseph.")

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What Do You Think?

Editor's Note: In the last 2 issues of YOUTH we have published letters received from U.C.Y. members about their impressions of what's wrong with our locals and organizations. The following 2 letters are further expressions of opinions about previous views. On our part we are very pleased in finally having some expressions of reader interest. If you agree or disagree with the following viewpoints let us hear from you. If you have any other pet peeve why not get it off your chest by letting us hear about it. After all, that is one of the objectives of YOUTH — to bring about a better understanding by airing grievances. If you so specify we will omit printing your name, otherwise, we will include the author's name.

Mr. Editor:

In your January issue of the YOUTH you printed a letter to the editor written by an anonymous person who wrote in answer to another anonymous writer. He wrote

that he agrees 100% with the other anonymous writer that U.C.Y. clubs are neglected and not living up to U.C.Y. principles. He did, however, put in a stipulation that not all U. C. Y. clubs are bad. His letter has

irked me into sending my first contribution to the magazine in a different form than I had planned.

First of all, our friend wrote that he was a U.C.Y. member until teaching duties did not allow him to be one in his own local. Second, he goes on to say that he attended a meeting at the U.C.Y. local in the locality where he is teaching and was shocked to be presented with a "Rock and Roll Show". Third, he stated that there was no Catholic spirit shown, that the members, aged 14-18, smoked, drank, and behaved like juvenile delinquents, that he saw them do this at parties and on the streets. Fourth, he places the blame for this on the parish priest. In his last point he offers a solution to this. He says that the U.C.Y. members should be given more spiritual training, less entertainment and more of Ukrainian traditions and Ukrainian language.

I would like to deal with all these points. First of all I must say that I am pleased that our anonymous friend was a U.C.Y. member and I must congratulate him for becoming a teacher. He gives this as the reason for not becoming a member of his own local, which is a valid reason, but he gives no reason for not joining the local of his new residence. Perhaps, as he has said, the U.C.Y. club is corrupt and not worthy of the name of a U.C.Y. club and therefore not worthy to be joined. It is nice to know, however, that while he had attended only one meeting of the club he has attended several of the wild parties and knows so much about them.

Second, our anonymous friend has said that he was shocked to be presented with a "Rock and Roll Show." The most I can say about this is that "Rock and Roll" in itself is not sinful and that it is not un-catholic-like. It is hard to believe though, that this is carried on all night every time the U.C.Y. meets. Perhaps this was their night to holler and our friend happened to hit this night as he said he attended "a" meeting which means only one. Another possibility is that he came after the meeting and came on time for the entertainment.

Third, I found that our friend said that there was no Catholic spirit, that the members smoked, drank and behaved like juvenile delinquents. First of all there is nothing wrong with smoking at a meeting or at a party, second, if the U.C.Y. members drank at a party we condone it if it was at a member's house with the parent's blessing and if it was within bounds. We certainly cannot condone drinking at a U.C.Y. meeting, but it is hard to believe that they did. Third, if they behaved like juvenile delinquents both at parties and on the streets I'm sure that they would be where juvenile delinquents belong.

The fourth point, I think, is the most serious one. He blames the parish priest for the U.C.Y. members acting as juvenile delinquents. We cannot expect a priest to keep tab on all the youth in his parish or parishes and gather them around him and say, "Now dear youth, behave yourselves." I agree with our friend that there is too little of the religious spirit in some of the clubs but we cannot put the whole blame

on the parish priest since most of the parish priests have too much to do and there are far too few of them. The blame lies mostly with the older members of the club who know better. It lies in the young teachers, the graduates from high school, the members who think that they are too old, or too important to degrade themselves to do something for their club. It is the layman and Catholic Action that is important. Pope John XXIII has already re-echoed the thoughts of Pope Pius XII on Catholic Action. It is the layman who will bring more religious spirit to the people. It is the layman who can do this in this modern age. And who can do it better than our older and more learned members? Therefore, it is up to the older members to lead the way, to show the example. The road will be rocky but can be leveled out and has been leveled out in many locals already. True, the parish priest may be partly to blame, but don't take it out on him, take it out on yourself. You have a great field open to you. You can do tremendous good if you are willing to roll up your sleeves and forget a few knocks here and there.

Last of all our friend suggests an alternative to meetings held for the purpose of planning some entertainment. He says that there should be more spiritual training, more stress on Ukrainian traditions and language. This is fine but who is going to do it? I'm sure that it won't be started by our "Rock and Roll" artists but I'm sure that with some gentle pushing and help from some person who is suitable for it, like a young teacher, they would go

along with the plan. Co-operation is a funny thing. It needs a strong hand to guide it along and it takes a little give and take on both sides in order to run efficiently.

To conclude this lengthy discourse I would like to say that this is the first time that I've heard our U.C.Y. members compared to Juvenile Delinquents. I know they have their faults—we all have them, but if some of our worthier members do not smoke, drink and take part in rock and roll then the greater glory to them, but let's not condemn those that do, let's get out and help them. If we feel that we cannot do so, let's not make a public issue of the affair but notify the Provincial Executive of the U.C.Y. who will find a way of helping them and showing them the light either by a visitation or by correspondence with them. We are a National Organization and should be unified. We should have co-operation from the top to the bottom and vice-versa. This is the only way that we can hope to achieve the aim of the U.C.Y. which is to produce good Ukrainian Catholic Canadians which will be a credit to both the Catholic Church and to Canada. Let's have more work, more co-operation and less squabbling. Let's show everyone that we can achieve something worth-while, something that will make others proud of us.

Yours sincerely,
Bill Michaluk
Treasurer

Ukrainian Catholic Youth
of Canada

Dear Editor;

Being a regular member of the U.C.Y. for a number of years and a follower of the YOUTH magazine, I was prompted to submit an article expressing my opinions of our 'Modern Youth'.

First, I would like to refer to the January YOUTH issue and agree wholeheartedly that some of UCY clubs are not living up to their name. Some of our youth haven't the slightest idea of their responsibilities in life. Their presence at the youth meeting is only when the entertainment is well provided for. At any party they do not behave like adults but as juveniles. A clan is formed, with a big hero as their worshipper. They follow him blindly not realizing that his popularity was gained by slander and calumny. There is a saying that 'One never builds himself by tearing down another'. Others who are less fortunate, are pushed aside, laughed at, and are looked upon as being the lowest creatures on earth. If, anything ever happened to 'One of the gang', it is blamed on the parish

priest. Here I disagree and I believe that many others would also. The upbringing of these individuals does not begin when they are old enough to join the club, but at home and before they start kindergarten. It is the parents who are to be blamed for their behaviour, and certainly not the parish priest as was said by the person who wrote in the last issue. The priest has much more important duties than to go from house to house checking whether or not the parents are upbringing their children in accordance to God's Laws. He also does not know of your behaviour at private unsupervised parties which last to the early hours of the morning. He cannot be your guardian angel riding with you in a custom car which to some youth is more important than the church and the rosary. As my final suggestion I would like to say that the parents should not seek the faults of others, but look at their own family and ask themselves, 'Have we carried out the obligation of bringing up our family as good Catholic Parents?' Anonymous.

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UCY MEMBERSHIP IN THE UKRAINIAN COUNCIL OF CANADA (PYMK)

Representatives of the various Ukrainian youth organizations form U.Y.C.C. which in the final analysis is a junior Committee of Ukrainian Canadians (KYK). In Toronto the UCY is taking an active part in the U.Y.C.C. In order to familiarize the general membership of UCY with the aims of UYCC, we have translated the aims from its constitution as follows:

1. To cultivate a spirit of unity among the Ukrainian youth organizations in Canada by personal contact, press, mutual recognition, and active co-operation among the executives of these organizations.

2. To form and develop among the Ukrainian Canadian Youth sound community thinking and to prepare the youth to take over the responsibility for the Ukrainian com-

munity life as a whole in this country.

3. To represent a united Ukrainian Canadian youth.

4. To co-ordinate and plan activities common to the various Ukrainian youth organization in Canada especially those emphasizing national heritage, culture, and sports.

5. To aid C.U.C. in executing their aims.

6. To achieve among the Ukrainian Youth of Canada a spirit of mutual respect, tolerance and trust.

7. To encourage to the fullest participation of Ukrainian Youth of Canada in Canadian political, social, academic, economic, and cultural life.

8. To cultivate relations with youth organizations of other ethnic groups.

9. With united forces in every way to help the Ukrainian liberation movement.

The project under way at present, is the preparation of the concert commemorating the heroic defence of Kiev at Krute by the 300 Ukrainian students against the Bolshevik forces on January 30th, 1919. This concert will be held on February 1st, 1959 at 3:14 p.m. at the Ukrainian National Federation Hall in Toronto. We hope that some U.C.Y. members will participate in the concert and we strongly urge all UCY members to attend this concert. In this way we can confirm that UCY is also aware of its national heritage and obligations.

Mary Trakalo

Nadia Boruch

UCY Representatives
to UYCC.

Dauphin, U.C.Y.

Hi!

Seeing that it's quite some time since I last sent in a report I guess I'd better fulfill my promise in my first writeup.

During the Christmas season the youth divided into three groups and went carolling to the homes of our parishioners.

On January 10th a Christmas wind up party was held. The members danced to records and enjoyed a delicious turkey supper prepared by all. This was followed by a distribution of gifts.

First dance after lent was held on January 19 and proved to be a tremendous success. A motion was passed to hold dances every Saturday night at the parish hall with a local orchestra in attendance. Members were appointed to sell tickets at the door according to the roll call.

The Sifton youth club had invited us to a curling game at which two teams competed. Although we lost both games, we nevertheless had a wonderful time.

Our future plans include a bazaar and dance to be held on March 14.

A letter has been received from the Roblin club asking us to participate in a tobaggoning party on February 8 at Roblin. The youth have their whole heart set on going and meeting their western U.C.Y. friends.

In closing may we extend all our best wishes and hope we may meet many U.C.Y. clubs in the future.

God bless you all.

Nellie Lesiuk
Press Correspondent.

U.C.Y. Of Edmonton Diocese

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In my first message to the youth of the Edmonton Diocese I would like to greet all our locals through these wonderful pages of the YOUTH magazine.

I would like to send a special greeting and a cheery Hello to our National Executive, which is doing such a fine job as our National Organization. We are very thankful for your very prompt replies to our many letters. Your interest and inspiration during your visit to our convention certainly carried a lot of weight and created a great deal of enthusiasm among our locals.

Also, a special Hello to Richard Protz, president of the Saskatchewan Diocese. Thank you for keeping me well posted with your very fine circulars. Being my opposition as President of a separate Diocese **you certainly have** us moving by trying to stay one better. Perhaps the day will come Richard, when we could relax at the end of our term, and enjoy all this with a gala celebration.

Now to the many dear members of our diocese. We are very happy to report that things are going on very beautifully. We now have 14 very active U.C.Y. locals in our diocese with a total paid up membership of 600 youth. The enthusiasm is great and there is still a demand for more U.C.Y. cards. We hope, and things certainly look very favourable, that perhaps by the end of this season we may reach close to 800 members.

We are very thankful to all the

youth for attending the regional U.C.Y. dance held at Mundare on January 24, 1959, which was sponsored by us. We hope you all had a wonderful time and had the opportunity of meeting other U.C.Y. members. It was our desire to sponsor this dance at cost of expenses only, and if there was a profit, the balance was to be donated to the YOUTH magazine. However, for those interested, we had a general attendance of 100 youth members. Door receipts were \$73.00. Expenses — Orchestra \$45, rent of hall \$15. Free lunch served to all cost \$13.25 which absorbed all our door receipts.

Our next venture will be to assist the Lamont U.C.Y. in organizing a curling bonspiel to be held on March 7 - 8. This is progressing very favourably.

In May the Retreat House at St. Albert is booked for the U.C.Y. members. We will notify all our locals very shortly of the date for the girls, and likewise the date for the boys. We sincerely hope to fill the house to capacity which is 50 people. Here is a special request to all our U.C.Y. locals in country points. As you read this article, please discuss this at your next meeting, and be prepared to take names of girls and boys that would like to make this retreat. It begins on Friday evening and ends Sunday evening, which is not a handicap to High school students. Only the first 50 entrants will be accepted.

Also please remember that we

will have our annual U.C.Y. social Rally at St. Basil's Villa, Pigeon Lake on July the 5th. On this day we shall present the Western Diocesan Trophy to the most active U.C.Y. club in our Diocese. Likewise in the field of sports there will be a trophy awarded to the best soft ball team. Incidentally, the soft ball trophy was won last year by St. Basil's parish U.C.Y. of Edmonton.

Here is a final reminder. You have been submitting entirely too few articles to the YOUTH magazine. How about it for the next edition? I'm sure many U.C.Y. clubs across Canada are interested in you, and how else could they get to know you and learn about what you do. Please give us an entire report when your club began its activities, your new executive, what you have done in the past since your term began, and your plan of action for

the future. By plan of action, we mean what do you plan to do spiritually, sports-wise, culturally, and socially, for the balance of your term. How about a U.C.Y. picture of your club and also the biography of every member. By the way, inserting a full-page picture in the YOUTH will cost you \$9.00, but I'm sure every club can afford that. How about a personality of the month, jokes, stories, etc. This is our magazine so let's make it very interesting, also, please subscribe. Till our next edition may God Bless you all.

Walter Sowiak
President.

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING
TO DO FOR THE YOUTH
DURING OUR
PRESS FUND DRIVE ?

ATTENTION ALL UCY LOCALS IN ALBERTA

U.C.Y. mixed Curling Bonspiel at Lamont, Alberta, March 7 - 8, 1959

There is going to be a two day U.C.Y. mixed curling Bonspiel held at Lamont and assisted by the diocesan Executive on the week end of March 7 and 8. We would be very happy to see your club organize one, two or more rinks to represent your local there. There will be about 24 rinks participating in this Bonspiel from all our Diocese. There will be many prizes given away plus a trophy to the winning team. The entry fee is \$10.00 per rink or \$2.50 per person, which includes a free admission to a big banquet. We would be very glad to know how many rinks your club would like to enter and the curling fee must be collected in advance and sent to either Michael Abraniuk, Lamont, Alta., or to the Diocesan executive not later than Feb. 20 if Possible. Also please send in the names, addresses, and phone numbers of skips. A copy of the entire program will be forwarded as soon as your rinks are entered. Please advise us immediately.

Diocesan Sports Chairman.

Mundare, U.C.Y.

September 1958 marked the start of the many activities which our U.C.Y. hopes to carry on in 1959.

A new slate of officers was elected: President — Vladymir Siracki, Vice-President — Delores Moroziuk, Secretary — Marcia Kitlarchuk, Treasurer—Annabelle Shulba, 5th member—Benny Kozak, Social Conveners —Betty Lou Slepanski, Marcia Mis-kew, Larry Choma, Ted Sachkiw, Librarian — Dorothy Hawryluk.

Our meetings are held every second Wednesday under the spiritual guidance of Rev. Fr. Yakimyshyn. After meetings games of ping-pong and badminton are played.

On November 2nd the youth played an important part in the farewell party held for Rev. Father Peter Hrabec, O.S.B.M., who had been parish priest and director of youth at Mundare for four years. The youth choir sang several songs at the concert held in honor of Father Peter and President Vladymir Siracki presented Father with a gift.

Prior to advent, our club held a Platter Party to raise funds and wind up pre-lenten social activities. The dance was a success financially as well as socially.

The ninth annual youth Drama Festival was held on December 21 under the supervision of the drama teacher, Sister Marion. The festival consisted of two plays: "The Beauty and the Prince" and "Christmas Bells".

Rev. Father Yakimyshyn, master of ceremonies, presented the UCY Trophy to Mike Kuly, director of winning play "Christmas Bells."

Other awards were as follows: Gold Medal — donated by Basilian Fathers—presented to winner Vicky Bartkiw by Rev. Father Peter Hrabec. Silver Medal — donated by U. C. W. L. — presented to winner Nickole Strilchuk by president Mrs. Fill. Bronze Medal — donated by National Hall — presented to winner Jerry Dubyc by president Mr. Hawryluk.

Proceeds from the Drama Festival went to the T.B. patients at the Aberhart Memorial Sanitarium.

Christmas season brought about the usual enthusiasm among the youth with regard to carolling. Divided into groups, our members covered most residences in the town of Mundare as well as numerous outlying farms, bringing Ukrainian carols and Christmas Greetings to the homes. Most of the proceeds were directed towards bringing Christmas baskets of goodies to Ukrainian T.B. patients at the Aberhart Sanitarium.

On the fourth of January a busload of youth left for the Aberhart Sanitarium to distribute the beautifully decorated Christmas baskets among our people in the Sanitarium. At the hospital, where Father Peter Hrabec joined us, we sang Ukrainian carols under the direction of Sister Marion.

After leaving the hospital the youth ate heartily at the Mandarin Gardens. One of our former parish priests, Rev. Father Vital who had been in Mundare from 1949 - 1953, accompanied us to supper. After supper we had the pleasure of attending a U.C.Y. meeting at St.

Josephat's Cathedral.

Thus another annual trip of good-will concluded, marking the seventh consecutive year that this has been done.

That concludes our activities for the present, but we shall keep in touch about future activities of the Mundare U.C.Y.

Phyllis Lapicki
Press Correspondent.

Lamont, Alta.

Lamont U.C.Y. is strong and active with an early start.

An organizational meeting of the Ukrainian Catholic youth of the Parish of St. John, Lamont, Alberta, was held on Nov. 19, 1958. Present were Rev. Father Dmytruk, five executive members of the Edmonton Diocese and some prospective UCY members. The executive was elected on Nov. 30, 1958. Elected were: President—Michael Abraniuk; Vice-President — Nestor Nychka; Secretary — Nadia Chomlak; Treasurer — Michael Small; Fifth Member — John Pesklevitz; Press Correspondent—Bohdan Chomlak; Sports — Ronald Nychka; Social — Larry Romaniuk.

The club is under the Spiritual Direction of Rev. Father Dmytruk. It consists of 24 members. Meetings are held regularly every two weeks at which all members faithfully devote their time and efforts to keep the club active for the benefit of the church. On Ukrainian Christmas the club members went carolling and brought in \$295.00. At present a curling bonspiel, which will include district clubs, is being planned for early March.

Chipman, Alta.

Hello U.C.Y. Members;

Today I write and wish to pay a welcomed visit to your hearts. Our officers for this term stand as follows:

President — Irvin Krezanowski,
Vice-President — Clarence Kitura,
Secretary — Louella Starko, Treasurer — Vivian Sharun, Fifth Member — Melanie Kitura, Social Convenors — Louella Starko, Vivian Sharun, and Marvin Achtemichuk.

The Chipman Ukrainian Catholic Youth Organization consists of twenty-six active members. The progress of our club is greatly due to the co-operation received from the members. Our regular meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at eight o'clock p.m. The spiritual talk which is given by our Parish Priest, Reverend Father B. Hrynyshyn at each of our meetings, is very interesting and educational in the way of religion. We often end our meetings by a sing-song, the playing of volley-ball or bowling.

Since our club was not reorganized until November, we have not had much in the way of entertainment, but we hope to succeed in this way as soon as we are able to. The members of our club carolled on Christmas Day. This event was enjoyed by all of us.

I will keep you informed about the activities and progress of our organization.

On behalf of our Reverend, our U.C.Y. members, and myself I wish to extend "God's Blessings To All."

Sylvia Sharun
(Press Correspondent)

TO UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH OF EDMONTON DIOCESE

We sincerely request that any reader or parish priest, that is interested in the Ukrainian Catholic youth organization but still has no U.C.Y. club organized, forward a letter to the Diocesan Executive of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth in care of Miss Adeline Manowski, 9551 - 85 Str., Edmonton, and we would be very happy to give you a helping hand to organize this club.

Sincerely in God
Your Organizational Chairman.

Recommended Reading

We would like to draw the attention of all our readers to a new series of articles which was begun by Fr. J. Skwarok, O.S.B.M., in the January, 1959 issue of LIGHT magazine. The title of the series is "Memorirs of Fr. Sozont Dydyk, O.S.B.M., and it begins with the and then continues to describe the early years of missionary activity among our people in Canada.

We feel that this is the kind of work with which all our Ukrainian Catholic Youth should be familiar.

Yorkton U.C.Y.

Greetings, all U.C.Y. members.

Although news around Yorkton seems to be quite limited, this does not mean that our U.C.Y. has been inactive.

The Yorkton U.C.Y. has a new president. Due to our former president's departure from Yorkton, we have elected Billy Shordee as successor. Indeed we have lost a very able as well as capable president. However, in his short time of office Billy has already shown us that he can ably lead us in our U.C.Y. functions. To our former President,

Sally Thoms we wish the very best in her new locality, and to the new president we wish to say "Congratulations Billy, your auspicious start is an assurance of a successful year ahead of us."

With the festive season upon us the talk of the town seems to be Christmas parties. Saturday December 20, the U. C. Y. members shared and exchanged Christmas joy and cheer with each other at a Christmas party held at St. Mary's Parish Hall. A most delicious Christmas supper was enjoyed by

all. The lunch committee certainly did a fine job. Special guests of the evening were: Father Shavel, Brother Barnibes and Mr. Sam Yaremowich. Each of these guests was presented with a cheque as a donation from the U.C.Y. The enchantment of Christmas carols great-

ly aided in the building up of a true Christmas spirit. Thus came to a close our Christmas party.

This seems to sum up news from Yorkton U.C.Y., however with all our New Year's Resolutions we are sure to present you an interesting report in the near future.

Silver Jubilee, Saskatchewan Diocese

In the month of July the Saskatchewan Diocese will observe the 25th Anniversary of our Bishop's Ordination to priesthood. The Diocese is planning a special gift for His Excellency on that occasion. One of the more painful worries of His Excellency is the debt on the Sheptytsky Institute. The Committee in charge has initiated an

"Anniversary Drive" throughout the Diocese with the objective set at \$25,000.00 towards this cause. Together with their Chaplain each Local should plan a method of contributing to this Anniversary Gift. The Rama Local has already sent in its donations from carolling in the sum of \$40.25 towards the Gift.

St. Nicholas U.C.Y., Winnipeg

After a long summer holiday, the St. Nicholas Youth Club was resumed on November 11. However, because of many difficulties beyond the club's control, an executive wasn't chosen until the end of the month. The officers were elected as follows:

Spiritual Director — Fr. Raphael Melnyk O.S.B.M., President — Brownie Kaczor, Vice-President — Lorraine Hnatowich, Recording Secretary — Joanne Diduck, Corresponding Secretary — Marianna Musick, Treasurer — Myron Buluwka, Seventh Member — Steffie Peleck, Social Convener — Joan Melnychuk, Social Committee — Joyce Horbachewski, Orest Harnevitch, Dianne Cwiak, Brian Rebchuk.

Despite the clubs slow start, they managed to plan many activities before Christmas. One of the few in-

cluded carolling. Everyone participated and had a splendid time doing so. The club, under the direction of this capable executive, looks forward to an active future.

Are Boys Better Cooks ? ?

Look out girls, for soon the boys will be considered better cooks! This was proven when the St. Nicholas U.C.Y. boys prepared and served the Communion Breakfast on January 11.

Mass was held at 8:30 a.m. A large majority of the U.C.Y. members and their guests were present. During this fruitful mass, everyone received the Holy Sacraments.

After mass, everyone filed into

the Church auditorium. How surprised the girls were! There, before their very eyes, the tables were handsomely set and everything was ready. The boys, smartly dressed in their white jackets were waiting for them by the serving wagons. Despite a few burnt toasts, cold eggs, and crisp bacon, the breakfast was extremely delicious.

After breakfast, our president, Brownie Kaczor, introduced the guest speaker — Mr. W. Kormylo. Mr. Kormylo, a school teacher and a member of the Knights of Columbus, spoke on the reasons why the Catholic Schools should be supported by the government. He outlined the value of a Catholic school in a community. He stressed that there should be more Catholic teachers to represent the Catholic students. His complete speech was of great interest to all those present. The breakfast ended with a carole led by Father Provincial Sloboda.

All the boys stayed behind to clean up and actually do the dishes. The girls take off their hats to these thoughtful boys. They suggested that this be done more often. Don't you agree ?

Tobogganing Is Fun

On Friday January 16, the members of the St. Nicholas Youth Club participated in an enjoyable tobogganing party. Despite the 20 below zero weather, a great number of members accompanied by Father Melnyk pastor and Father Chimy assistant-pastor, boarded a chartered bus which took them to their destination — Riverbend Tobbogan Slides, Lockport.

The first tobogan to risk the ride had Fr. Melnyk at its head and Fr. Chimy at its steer. When it reached the bottom, only snow-covered Fr. Melnyk could be seen. Had we lost Fr. Chimy? When questioned about this, he replied, "Next time I'll hold on tighter."

One of the members lost his rubber. He could be heard crying out into the wilderness: "Has anyone seen an extra rubber?" Another one of the members complained about his body being sore, but I don't believe that it was his arms or legs that hurt the most.

When the bus arrived, the sore, but far from tired members boarded it. To prove that they were still full of pep, everyone sang at the top of their lungs all the way home.

When they arrived at the hall, they found coffee and doughnuts waiting to be consumed. After eating, everyone began to dance. What a wonderful time everybody had! It was a perfect end to a fun filled evening !

Marianna Musick,
Corresponding Secretary.

An Apology

We would like to extend our apology to the Canora U.C.Y. club for having omitted them from the 1958 Honor Roll in the last issue of YOUTH.

The Canora U.C.Y. club did contribute to our Press Fund in 1958 and thereby deserves the right to be put on the Honor Roll as one of those locals who are really interested in the YOUTH.